

\$1.00 Per Annum.

POTOSI, MO., WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 1900.

Volume 7. No. 14.

The cure for scratched ballots is more school houses.

Senator Vest now admits that it was a mistake to paramount "imperialism."

It looks like the next round will be the last of the Democratic gang in this state.

A large portion of the state taxes in Missouri go to keep the state solid for the Democracy.

The scramble for clerkships at Jefferson City this winter promises to equal that of two years ago.

The re-election of McKinley has already created greater prosperity in the marriage license department.

If our new Legislature is anxious to make a record for honesty it can do so by repealing some of the obnoxious laws made at the last session.

The result of the recent election has evidently soured Bro. Ake, of the Ironton Register. He thinks Thanksgiving proclamations are a humbug.

During the late campaign the Democrats boasted that they had caused a big reduction in State taxes. How do your tax receipts compare with the assertion.

Bryan thinks no reorganization of the Democratic party is necessary. He probably still believes that he constitutes all there is of that party and sees no occasion for reorganizing himself.

England is coming to this country for another war loan. A few years ago Uncle Sam was going to England for peace loans, but that was when our Democratic friends were trying to run things here.

That 250 Republican majority in this county is encouraging certain Democrats in the practice of economy until the next campaign. As one has confessed, to elect a Democrat in Washington County the expense grows along with the Republican majority.

The election did not settle the question as to what has become of the state's school fund. It is a question that can only be settled by putting back the money, and to do this, the way the Democrats have managed the "fund," is to tell the taxpayers to cough up over four million dollars. Until this is done we will continue to pay a quarter million dollars yearly in interest on this brilliant piece of Democratic financing.

The third constitutional amendment voted on at the late elections in Missouri and adopted promises, if the law is made effective, to cause the various counties of the state a considerable loss in their revenues. This amendment is the one which relates to the taxation of mortgaged real estate, thus: If a man owns a farm assessed at \$1,000 and on which he has given a mortgage for \$600 he will only be required to pay taxes on the valuation over and above the amount of the mortgage, or on \$400, while the mortgagee pays taxes on the balance. This county has a school fund amounting to over \$40,000, all invested in real estate mortgages. As the county cannot levy taxes on itself it must necessarily bear the loss of its revenues in the sum heretofore derived from a valuation of \$40,000. The burden of taxation on private property thus, under the new amendment, partially been shifted onto the public, for the loss of revenue in this instance will have to be met by an increase in the general assessed valuation of all property. The only people who will feel comfortable under this new law are those who have mortgaged property. However, it is not altogether certain, as yet, that the law can be made effective.

Hillsboro Democrat is dis-  
tinct, not only over the de-  
mocrats, but over the result  
in Missouri as well.

Expecting that the Democrats would carry the state by a majority of sixty thousand, the Democrat finds no comfort or cause for glorification in a majority of only half the size it looked for. "We can only account for the result," says the Democrat, "on grounds that the malicious lies concocted by the Globe-Democrat and echoed and re-echoed by the other papers of that party in the state were believed to be true." Republican lies, then, are the cause of the decline in the Democratic vote in Missouri. This is certainly a most remarkable explanation. Was it lying to state that the taxpayers of the state are being relieved every year of \$250,000 to pay interest on a school fund that is not a fund, but a debt of the same nature as state bonds, according to Democratic confession? Was it lying to say that the last Legislature was profligate with the people's money in the matter of supporting the useless lot of clerks during the session? Was it lying to say that the party in power is responsible for passing the street railway trust bill, or the Nesbit law, or the police law? These are a few of the causes which contributed to the decline of Democracy in Missouri. If the Democrat could not see truth in them the voters could and did; and, furthermore, the rebuke that lies in the small majority received by the Democratic ticket was fully intended.

#### Without Reason or Method.

Lawyer Leonard used to tell of a rich old lady with the itch who, while her servant was giving her a rubbing down, exclaimed, "What a pity it is that poor people have the itch: it is such a comfort to scratch." It looks nowadays like a great many voters take comfort in scratching—their ballots. The vote in the city of St. Louis showed a difference of over eleven thousand votes for different candidates on the same ticket. This looked like wholesale scratching, but is accounted for on the theory that a great many that favored the Republicans on state and national issues wanted to rebuke Zeigenthalism in the city. In Washington county the Republican candidate for prosecuting attorney had a majority of 260, while the Democratic candidate for collector had a majority of 189. Scratchers made the difference, but there has been no explanation of why. In this county there was an unusual number of scratchers; and it may be safely asserted that scratchers decided the contest in many instances. Some of them must have scratched just for the comfort of scratching, as there was no reason or method in it. For instance, a few would take the electoral ticket and scratch every alternate name on it. Such scratching added greatly to the work of counting, and that is all it amounted to; and it was certainly inexcusable.—Hillsboro Democrat.

#### Smooth Things.

The smoothest thing I ever tasted was castor oil, and I be blamed if I like it. The smoothest talker I ever saw beat me out of \$5. I prefer things rough but kindly. I can forgive thorns on the rose and briars on the haw for the sweet blossoms they produce. But the greased pole and greased pig are delusions and snares. Any engineer had rather you would sand his track than soap it. The smooth shirt bosom is not the best resting place for the head of a young girl, even if she doesn't "mum" it. The smooth thing is liable to be a "skate." Wherefore I beg of you who have never had any experience with an ool, be aware of smooth things. Many a man has slipped on them. You go fooling around the brink of the "slippery place" where the Bible says the wicked are, and though you may very speedily be "in it" so wise men will envy you. This world with its hills and mountain crags is a pretty rough place, and it has rough people in it, but not nearly so many fall because of these as there are through smooth places and smooth words and smooth people.—Central Missouri Press.

#### An Appeal.

To the Teachers and School Boards of Southeast Missouri.

Teachers: Will you not attend the meeting of your district association at Poplar Bluff, Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1? An excellent program has been arranged for your special benefit. Ask your school boards to give you the Friday following Thanksgiving, attend the meeting and, returning to your schools, show by your enthusiasm and work that the best interests of your districts were subserved by your boards in encouraging you to attend.

School Boards: It is fast becoming the custom all over Missouri to encourage educational meetings by giving to teachers the time spent in attending such gatherings. This is especially true with reference to the district association which meets annually on Thanksgiving. Many of the school boards of Southeast Missouri have already given their teachers the day asked for on condition that they attend the Poplar Bluff meeting. Will you not do likewise? Remember that an energetic, up-to-date teacher will do more good in a community in one year than a fossilized teacher can do in five. If we would make our schools equal to the best, we must encourage teachers to meet and exchange ideas with the best teachers of this and other states.

Among the subjects which will be discussed at Poplar Bluff are: Two Views of Teaching, Practical Agriculture in Rural Schools, Economy in Education, English in Secondary Schools, History in Secondary Schools, Training in Reading Power, Nature study in the Primary Grades, The Methods of a Primary Teacher, School Room Decoration, High Schools and Their Courses of Study.

Among the teachers who will attend are, Hon. J. J. Dayne, Supt. of Public Instruction, Asst. T. C. Clendenen, Cairo, Ill.; Hon. Levi Chubbuck, Coleman's Rural World; Dr. Isidor Loeb, University of Mo.; President U. S. Dearmont; Supt. A. B. Carroll, Supt. T. J. Wisbes, Dr. J. J. Martin, President N. B. Heory, and a number of county commissioners, principals and grade teachers.

Railroads will offer a rate of one-third fare for the round trip. Hotels have offered a very low rate.

S. N. GRAY, President.

#### Round About Us.

The Arcadia House, a well-known house at Arcadia, was destroyed by fire one night recently.

De Soto is to have a \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building. Miss Helen Gould has donated \$1,000 for a library for the institution.

W. J. Sweet and George Brewer, of Pemisoot County, will sweat in the Iron County jail for thirty days for selling the product of the brewer without license.

The Supreme Court has decided that Milo Gregory must hang at Kennett, Mo., on Dec. 20 for the murder of Joseph Covert, committed in Dunklin County in February, 1899.

St. Francois County Republicans increased their vote at the late election 755, while the Democrats increased theirs only 659. The Republicans in that county are coming along all right.

J. W. Dobbins, a wealthy stockman, of Lesterville, Mo., fell from the Memphis express train at De Soto last Wednesday night while the train was in rapid motion, and was seriously injured.

#### The Iri R. Hicks 1901 Almanac.

Whatever may be said of the scientific causes upon which the Rev. Iri R. Hicks bases his yearly forecasts of storm and weather, it is a remarkable fact that specific warning of every great storm, flood, cold wave and drought, have been plainly printed in his now famous Almanac for many years. The latest startling proof of this fact was the destruction of Galveston, Texas, on the day named by Prof. Hicks in his 1900 Almanac, as one of disaster storm along the Gulf coast. The 1901 Almanac, by far the finest, and most complete and beautiful yet published, is now ready. This remarkable book of near two hundred pages, splendidly illustrated with charts and half-tone engravings, goes as a premium to every subscriber who sends one dollar a year for Prof. Hicks' Journal, Word and Wonder. The Almanac alone is sent prepaid for only 25c. Order from Word and Wonder Publishing Company, 2301 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

#### Fish! Fish!

All persons in the State of Missouri desiring young crappie and black bass, should apply at their earliest convenience to Phil Kopplin, Jr., Superintendent, Forest Park Hatchery, St. Louis, Mo., or to M. E. O'Brien, Superintendent, St. Joseph Hatchery, the one most accessible to the applicant.

The only expense to the applicant will be the cost of the can (75 cents), which must be sent in advance, the express charges to be paid C. O. D. A five-gallon can will carry thirty to forty small fish. All applicants will be notified in advance of shipment. If more than one can is desired, remit accordingly.

The best method of destroying weevil working on stored grain is to wet balls of rags or waste with bisulphide of carbon and lay them in and push them down into the grain. The bisulphide evaporates quickly, giving off a heavy gas that sinks through the grain and destroys the weevil. All openings for ventilation should be closed during the treatment and at other times should be covered with close wires screening to keep out the insect that lays the egg that produces the weevil. In using bisulphide of carbon care must be taken not to breathe the fumes, which are very irritating, and not to let fire come in contact with them, as the gas is very explosive. After a day the granary may be opened and aired.

## Help... Nature

Babies and children need proper food, rarely ever medicine. If they do not thrive on their food something is wrong. They need a little help to get their digestive machinery working properly.

**SCOTT'S EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL**  
WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES IN LIQUID FORM

will generally correct this difficulty.

If you will put from one-fourth to half a teaspoonful in baby's bottle three or four times a day you will soon see a marked improvement. For larger children, from half to a teaspoonful, according to age, dissolved in their milk, if you so desire, will very soon show its great nourishing power. If the mother's milk does not nourish the baby, she needs the emulsion. It will show an effect at once both upon mother and child.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

**BANNER SALVE**  
The most healing salve in the world.

## THIRTY DAYS MORE IN WHICH TO SAVE MONEY!

Hundreds of persons, during the last thirty days, have taken advantage of my special discount, and gone away rejoicing. Many have recently exclaimed to me, "The farther you get from the railroad, the cheaper goods are." If you want Clothing, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Overcoats, Duck Coats, Mackintoshes, etc., don't fail to come and get the Discounts.

Prints, at 3, 4, 4 1/2 and 5c per yard	\$1.15 Hats now go for only \$1.04
Flannelette, at 8c and 9c per yard	1.65 Hats now go for only 1.49
Double-Bit Axes, at \$1.07	3.50 Suits now go for only 3.15
Boiled Linseed Oil, per gallon, 66c	4.00 Suits now go for only 3.60
Wool Paper, at 9, 11, 12, 14 and 17c	4.50 Suits now go for only 4.05
\$1.50 Shoes now go for only \$1.25	5.00 Suits now go for only 4.50
1.40 Shoes now go for only 1.25	5.50 Suits now go for only 4.95
1.25 Shoes now go for only 1.13	7.50 Suits now go for only 6.75
2.15 Shoes now go for only 1.94	9.00 Suits now go for only 8.10
1.75 Shoes now go for only 1.57	10.00 Suits now go for only 9.00
.90 cent Hats now go for 80 cts	12.50 Suits now go for only 11.25

Eight-Day Clocks, \$2.25; two pkgs Rolled Oats, 5c; ten-cents worth of anything in my store for nine cents.

Yours, to Serve,  
**U. S. RAMSEY,**  
SUNLIGHT, MISSOURI.

## We Are First IN THE FIELD WITH NEW FALL GOODS, and invite the trade to call and examine our selection.

The Latest styles in—  
**DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, ETC.**

Fair Treatment and Honest Prices.  
**Harrison & Whitehead.**

## FREDERICK WILL, Real Estate and Insurance

AGENT, Potosi, - - - Mo.  
Prompt attention paid to buying and selling real estate, taxes, to making abstracts of title to real estate, and placing fire risks on houses and their contents in reliable Insurance Companies.

## W. J. SLAIS, MANUFACTURER OF AND DEALER IN SADDLES, HARNESS, BRIDLES, COLLARS, WHIPS, BUGGIES, ETC.

Harness, Machine and Axle Oils. X Made to Order. X Repairing Neatly Done.  
AGENT FOR ALL STANDARD SEWING MACHINES.  
Apr 1 98. Potosi, Mo.

## M. E. RHODES, Attorney at Law, BEN. M. GRIFFIN, Civil Engineer.

OFFICE IN ARLINGTON HOTEL, POTOSI, MO.  
Will practice in all the courts of the State. Collections solicited.  
IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.  
7 DAILY TRAINS.  
TO St. Louis, For all points NORTH, EAST AND WEST.  
3 Trains Daily 3.  
For all Points in KANSAS, LOUISIANA AND ILLINOIS.  
And the Great Southwest.  
The Most Direct Route TO MEMPHIS.  
And all points East & South.  
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.  
Elegant day coaches, reclining chairs, seats free, Pullman sleeping cars.  
On all Through Trains.  
H. C. TOWSEND  
G. P. & T. Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

## KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE is a Guaranteed Remedy or money refunded. Contains remedies recognized by eminent physicians as the best for Kidney and Bladder troubles. PRICE 50c and \$1.00. For sale by P. Rush, Mineral Point.

